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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Reinhard HÖPFL et al ) Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**BOX PCT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 4, line 1, delete "any of the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 5, line 1, delete "any of the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 7, line 1, delete "any of the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 8, line 1, delete "any of the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 11, line 4, delete "any of claims 1 to 9" and insert --claim 1--.